



**Service of Installation for
Rev. M. Michelle Fincher
October 1st, 2023**

Order of Service

Prelude “This Is the Day” Heidi Thomas, organist & Gary Kriege, Trumpet

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Psalm 118:24

Welcome and Convening

Vice Moderator Pat Queen

*Call to Worship

Emily Bruck-Fincher

*congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: We worship our Creator with gladness! We come into God’s presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and to God we belong.

People: We are God’s people. We are the sheep of God’s pasture.

Leader: Then let us enter God’s gates with thanksgiving and the Redeemer’s courts with praise.

People: We bless God’s holy name, for God is good and God’s love endures forever.

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*Hymn #430 “Come Sing O Church, In Joy!”

Confession

Rev. Bill Sanders

Merciful God, we call upon you, grateful for the assurance that you will hear us. We confess that we have fallen short of being your faithful children. We have grown weary in doing good, in working for justice, in pursuing peace, in shining light into darkness. We have been impatient with the slow ways of your kingdom—waiting for yeast to leaven its dough, for small seeds to produce change. Forgive us, we pray. Renew our delight in You, and strengthen us to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Assurance

Leader: The psalmist declares that God hears the cry of the beloved and pours out mercy upon mercy. Friends, receive and trust in God's everlasting love!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Amen.**

*Music Response #2227 "We Are the Body of Christ"

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you,
we are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision: To see you exalted.

We are the body of Christ.

And to this we give our lives

To see you glorified.

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we are the body of Christ.

One goal, one vision: To see you exalted.

We are the body of Christ.

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Deacon Ryan Beach

Scriptures: Acts 2: 44-47; John 13: 34-35

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Calling of Love"

Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper

*Hymn #301 (GTG) "All Are Welcome" vs. 1, 2, 5

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Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same spirit who gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Leader: Together we are body of Christ and individually members of it.

Statement of Installation

Constitutional Questions

Questions to the Congregation

Elder Diane Ritzdorf

Leader: Do we, the members of the church, accept Michelle Fincher as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

Leader: Do we agree to pray for her, encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

People: We do.

Leader: Do we promise to pay her fairly and provide for her welfare as she works among us; to stand by her in trouble and share her joys? Will we listen to the word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

People: We do and we will.

Prayer of Installation and Laying on of Hands Vice Moderator Pat Queen

Declaration of Installation

Special Music

“Called”

Judy Viccellio

Charge to the Pastor

Rev. Stephany Crosby

Charge to the Congregation

Rev. Ruth McCollum Huff

Call for Offering

Elder Diane Ritzdorf

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #295 (GTG)

“Go to the World!”

Benediction

Postlude

“When the Saints Go Marchin' In”

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Commission and Participants

Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper, Lead Presbyter, Denver Presbytery

Elder Pat Queen, Vice Moderator, Denver Presbytery

Rev. Ruth McCollum Huff, Vice Moderator elect, Denver Presbytery

Rev. Stephany Crosby, HR

Rev. Bill Sanders, HR

Elder Diane Ritzdorf, Calvary Presbyterian Church

Deacon Ryan Beach, Calvary Presbyterian Church

Emily Michelle Bruck-Fincher, Rev. Michelle's daughter

Judy Viccellio, soloist, Calvary Presbyterian Church

Heidi Thomas, Director of Music, Calvary

Gary Kriege, Trumpet

To the participants in today's service: thank you from the depths of my heart for the honor of your presence and encouragement and for sharing your gifts of words, prayers, and music. You have blessed us all.

Thank you to Calvary's Deacons for the beautiful reception and your ever-gracious service; to Office Administrator Extraordinaire Emily Lewis for her inexhaustible patience in producing today's bulletin; to Tech Guru Ryan Hodel without whom I would have neither hair nor sanity; and to Elder Nancy Ulrich for the creative flower design. (I asked for pizzazz and you delivered!)

Finally, thank you, Calvary, for your warm welcome and for entrusting me with the privilege of walking alongside you. And thank you to members of the presbytery for sharing our joy on this special day. May God continue to unite us for the journey and work ahead, to the glory of Christ Jesus.

*Yours for the Kingdom,
Michelle*

“All Are Welcome” vs. 1, 2, 5

- 1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*
- 2. Let us a build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare to seek to dream God’s reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God’s grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*
- 5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

“Go to the World!”

- 1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life’s worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.*
- 2. Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God’s redeeming grace.
Go seek God’s presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.*
- 3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ’s own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.*
- 4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry “Amen!” Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Called

Words and music by Judy Viccellio

Called to give, Called to serve, Called to be a light in the world;
Called to go, Called to show Your image formed in us as we grow.

Called to leave where we've been, Called to find new faith within;
Called to walk in this new way, Called to hear what God would say:

*"It's not by might, it's not by power, but by my Spirit, " says the Lord;
"Lift up your hearts and call on Me, Bring ears to hear, and eyes to see."*

Let joy make you strong; Let love right the wrong;
Give hope to those who seek; Show mercy to the weak;
And the blessing of the Lord will rest on you;
And the blessing of the Lord will rest on you.

Called to kneel, Called to pray, Called to give our lives away.
Called to ask, humbly we bow, Lord choose us, use for Your kingdom
now.

Lord choose us, use us, Choose us, use us.
For Your kingdom now.